

For Fred

Please pick out what you want, & burn these awful scrawls.

This is a copy of a cutting which will help re. Grand Dad's work at the Light-houses. Work out dates etc for yourself. Grandma Stevens died 25th August 1911. The cutting was in the Colac Paper evidently. (F. Dad & F. Ma were married at Belfort Vic. ^{July 30th 1861})
Notice. Death of M^{rs} Stevens: - Throughout the district much regret will be felt at the death of M^{rs} Stevens, widow of the late M^r Wm. Stevens, which took place yesterday afternoon at her residence, Colac East, after an illness extending over some months. The deceased lady, who was 74 years of age, was born in England, & came to this State over 50 years ago. After she was married she resided with her husband successively at Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Wilson's Promontory, Cape Schanck, and Cape Otway, at which places M^r Stevens had charge of the Light-houses. - About 23 years ago the late M^r & M^{rs} Stevens came to reside here. The former died 16 years ago. The family consists of two boys, & two girls for whom much sympathy is felt.

No mention about Aunty Emily. I don't know when she died.

Do you remember that Grand Dad was in the Crimean War 1854-1856. He had a very badly injured leg. In later years

he was not too nimble - a great favourite with the men of Colac. They insisted he was to play in the Cricket Matches, but some one else took the runs for him.

He did well so come out here so soon after the war. He was in the Navy was he not? And wounded by a shell. He must have got a Discharge here for he was with the Blue jackets who ^{went} ~~went~~ to Ballarat for the Eureka Stockade. What a march they had, & heavy work too for they pulled Guns & supplies as well.

Grand Dad was quite clever evidently for he used to make Suits, & clothing, & all Boots & Shoes for the family.

Grand Ma came out on the Clipper Lightning I believe. — Was the Lightning burnt in later years. A lot of things were displayed in the shops in Geelong a few years ago. The divers got them. A Clipper sank not far out from the Wharf ^{at Geelong} & I don't know which one was the Lightning.

There is no need for you to hunt up particulars. I only just babble on as things come to my mind. This is only for your use. When I hunt up a few more "memories" etc I will clear out the rubbish. No one else is interested.

Do you recall that Grand Ma had marks on her face. It was the "Gun powder" from a racket. It was put on the fire with other wood. No one knew it was still alive? or active? I don't know how to explain. You will know of course.